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Supplemental Declaration of Absence of New Matter:

In response to the communication of Jan. 16, 2002 indicating that the Anthrax Sterilization procedure had damaged the application, a true copy of the application was mailed by Express Mail on March 2, 2002. Said Replacement Application included a Declaration that it was a True Copy of what was already pending in the parent case, such Declaration being a copy of the True Copy Declaration accepted in the Parent Case. The phraseology of such Declaration stressed that it had been assembled using photocopies of what had previously been submitted in this genealogy of cases, thereby clearly communicating that there was no new matter. Because of the present propensity of the Patent Office to glorify compliance with bureaucratically required terminology, this Supplemental Declaration is submitted to establish that the replacement application mailed by Express Mail on March 2, 2002 contained no new matter.

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